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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Justerbog Altes Lager Airfield

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

1. The following activity was observed at Justerbog Altes Lager airfield between 15 and 20 March 1954:

15 March. There was no air activity. The weather was foggy. Lessons were given in the classrooms and, in the afternoon, a gas mask inspection was held.

16 March. There was no air activity. Maintenance work was being conducted on aircraft and pistol firing was practiced at the firing ranges.

18 March. Work was being done on swept-back jet aircraft parked in front of the hangars. Five MiG-15s were observed in front of hangar No 4. Their engines were run up for a short time about 3 p.m.

19 March. Twelve swept-back jet aircraft were parked at the runway beginning at 2:30 p.m. They practiced flying in elements of twos after 3 p.m. The aircraft made low-level flights over the firing range and returned to the field after 10 to 15 minutes. After the landing, they taxied under own power to the hangars.¹

20 March. No flights were made. Truck [redacted] moved to the airfield.²

2. At 9:30 a.m. on 20 March, 6 Il-10s took off from the field and assembled in two flights while circling once over the field at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters.³

[redacted] 10 Il-10s took off individually and assembled in squadron wedge formation. Subsequently, several individual take-offs and landings were made by swept-back jet aircraft at irregular intervals. In addition MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s made flights in elements of twos. At 11:30 a.m., 10 ground attack aircraft crossed over the field flying in squadron wedge formation. The aircraft landed individually at short intervals. The following aircraft were stationed at the field including those temporarily observed aloft: about 24 Il-10s parked east of hangar [redacted] 2 single-engine aircraft parked in front of hangar No 4; 15 to 18 MiG-15s, [redacted] on the southern edge of the field near the fuel dump.

3. About 500 meters east of the previously observed PKV-45 DF station another PKV-45 DF station was being erected. Truck [redacted] was observed.²

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4. Between noon and 2:30 p.m. on 20 March, there was air activity by single-engine aircraft. The weather was cloudless and very hazy. In addition to single-engine aircraft also, jet fighters [redacted] at the field.

1. [redacted] Comment. Justerbog Altes Lager airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments. [redacted]

[redacted] The assignment of the Il-10s observed on 20 March 1954 has not been determined. The unconfirmed information of the installation of a second PKV-45 DF station indicates that the Il-10s will probably stay at the field for a long period of time. Efforts have been initiated to clarify this question.

2. [redacted]

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